

**Iowa State University  
Agricultural Business Club  
Main Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday, October 19th, 2017 in Lush Auditorium. President Marc Thronson called the meeting to order at 6:04PM. There were 162 members present.

\*\*\*\*\*Members had the option to wear jeans at the meeting with a donation to go towards the Bliss Cancer Center at Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames in Georgeanne Artz's name. The donations will be matched by the club. \$1,026 was raised by the club and \$1,052 will be donated to the Bliss Cancer Center.

**Officer Reports:**

Secretary: Minutes of the September meeting were briefed by Allison Bastian and approved by Club members.

Treasurer: Craig Welter announced the current balance available \$22,993.40.

CALS Council: Thank you to those who participated in CALS week and Dustin Lynch concert. CALS Council officer elections will be coming up.

Reporters: Up to 908 likes on Facebook, Davis Axmear was winner of Social Media spotlight. Guess the Member was Kyle Dieter, won by Connor Bullom.

Historians: Pancakes, bacon, sausage, and juice was served at the meeting. Soup will be served at the November meeting.

**Guest Speakers:** Ryan Sauer manager of distiller grains and Chris Robertson manager of commercial team at Flint Hills Resources. Flint Hills began in 1940 and they are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest privately owned company in the world. They reside under Koch Industries and are based out of Wichita, KS with a regional office in Ames, IA. Flint Hills is a refining, chemicals and biofuels, and ingredients company. Seven total ethanol plants, 5 of which are located in Iowa. 850 million gallons of ethanol are produced annually. They are big believers in investing in the youth, they even gave over \$700,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors last year. They offer three internships based at their ethanol plants in Iowa. These internships are a very hands-on experience. An ag business officer, Brandon Klaes, and member, Brandon Hansen, both interned with Flint Hills this past summer. They told members to be involved in order to make yourself stand out to employers.

**Committee Reports:**

*Sponsor Relations:* Thank you to everyone who was at the golf outing. It was a huge success.

*Philanthropy & Service:* Thank you to those who participated in roadside cleanup. Pop tabs will be collected at meetings to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in Des Moines. Members had the option to wear jeans at the meeting with a donation to go towards the Bliss Cancer Center at Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames in Georgeanne Artz's name. The donations will be matched by the club. \$1,026 was raised by the club and \$1,052 will be donated to the Bliss Cancer Center

*Recruitment & Social:* Working toward final details for November 11th football tailgate.

*Professional meetings:* Trivia Night will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 with food. Teams of 4 are welcome to join. Professors and faculty will be there to help with questions. \$200 will be awarded to the first place team.

*Publicity:* Thank you to those who ordered clothing and name tags.

*Career Day:* Pre-career day mixer was held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, thank you to those who participated.

*Banquet:* October 28<sup>th</sup> will be the alumni tailgate and all alumni are welcome.

**Member of the month:** Rebekah Sletten

**New/Old Member:** Zack Leist, Holly Vittitoe

### **Committee of Month:** Career Day

**Meet the Prof:** Marcie Fahn, Program Assistant at the CALS Student Services office where she largely does recruitment, data management, and communications. She is originally from Wheatland, IA and then went to ISU to major in Ag Business, Economics and International Ag. She served at the Historian and Vice President of the Ag Business Club. She was also active in committees and AAEEA competition. She studied abroad 8 times while at ISU!!! She interned at Rembrandt foods and worked on some incredible projects including getting them into Wal-Mart. She then did research under Mike Duffy with land values. She received a Master's degree in Economics and Sustainable Ag under Dr. Artz. Being that she has such a diverse student experience at ISU, she is able to effectively communicate ISU's adventures to prospective students! She told members to "step out of your comfort zone", "find your niche", and "enjoy the adventure".

### **New Business:**

Officers explained their roles within the club because elections are coming up in December. Homecoming will be held the week October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The club will be participating by painting a square and intramural competitions.

**Advisor Comments:** Amy Brandau some pieces of advice, one being "if you are more fortunate than others, it is better to build a longer table than a taller fence." The second one being, "Don't be proud of your college, but instead, make your college proud of you. "

### **Drawings:**

Wheel of Fortune: Kaylen Miller was chosen and picked the "S" where \$20 was she had a 3/5 chance. It will be a 4/5 chance next meeting.

Are You Here!?: \$150 was at stake, Jill Kessenich, was chosen and she was present. \$50 will be up for stake at the November meeting.

### **Announcements:**

Study Abroad Fair – October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Alumni Homecoming Tailgate – October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Trivia Night- November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Club Tailgate – November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Future Meetings:** November 16<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>

President, Marc Thronson, adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm